

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation. As far as I am concerned, it also smacks of a clear violation of required election-related broadcast fairness laws -- i.e. equal access to candidates' viewpoints. I mean, I'm all for free speech but this goes further than that, and certainly by not permitting a response from the opposing candidate, I believe it is not just inappropriate...it is illegal.

When Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, it must fulfill its obligation to serve the public interest -- and clearly here, as a large media corporation serving its own agenda, it has violated the FCC's basic minimal standards it must adhere to. Please ensure that Sinclair is disciplined in a way that will serve as a deterrent for Sinclair -- and any other media conglomerate -- do such a blatant disserve to the American people. Thank you.